

## **Information and Form for those interested in being nominated to serve on the Church Council for Mandarin and Longleaf Churches**

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Church Council for Mandarin United Methodist and Longleaf Churches. Below you will find a bit of information about this position.

The purpose of the Church Council is to provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness and resources in the local church. The Council has a role of envisioning, planning, and evaluating the mission and ministry of the church.

It is recommended for Church Councils to use a process of consensus and discernment as a model of decision-making as they carry out this work. In 2022, we expect that the Church Council will meet approximately six times.

Those that are eligible to serve on the Church Council are professing members who are involved in the mission and ministry of the church. Alongside this, those who participate on the church council seek to abide by a leadership covenant, which you can see on the following page. The term of service on the church council is usually 3 years.

If you would like to put your name forward to the Nominations and Leadership Committee, please fill out the below and return it to the church office by November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Those who are eligible will be recommended to the Church Conference to be held on Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. If there are more people that are interested in serving than there are positions, we will hold an election at the Church Conference to determine who will serve.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please share 30-40 words about your involvement with the church: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please also include a small picture of yourself.

## **Covenant for Christian Leadership, Mandarin UMC**

Persons who serve in leadership positions at Mandarin UMC will be committed to their own spiritual formation, actively living out their Christian witness.

Persons in leadership will give evidence of their membership vows to be loyal to the United Methodist polity (the way we are organized) and doctrine (what we believe) and to “do all in their power to strengthen its ministries.” In the context of our Wesleyan heritage and the vows that each member takes upon joining the United Methodist Church, characteristics of such lives include:

- Praying for the church, the community, and the world.
- Participating regularly in worship as a vital component of spiritual growth and connection to others within the body of Christ.
- Participating in a small group for nurturing both faith and friendships.
- Giving generously back to God, in proportion to one’s income.
- Serving in the life of the church and in mission that extends beyond the congregation of Mandarin UMC.

Leaders will give evidence of Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control, and act out of the love and faith of 1 Corinthians 13: “patient, kind, rejoice in truth, bears, believes and hopes all things.”

When disagreements or issues occur, leaders will practice Matthew 18, going directly to the person who has wronged her/him, bringing in a mature Christian witness if needed, not gossiping (Romans 1:29).

Persons in leadership will make every effort to maintain “the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” Ephesians 4:3

Our polity and doctrine are contained in The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2012. The United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tennessee